## STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO.	

## **APPLICATION**

Mewbourne Oil Company ("Applicant") files this application with the Oil Conservation Division (the "Division") for an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying a proximity tract horizontal spacing unit (within the North Wilson Deep Unit Area) comprised of the W/2 of Section 21, the W/2 of Section 28, and the W/2 of Section 33, Township 21 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico (the "Unit). In support of this application, Applicant states:

- 1. Applicant is an interest owner and operator in the Unit, and has the right to drill a well or wells thereon.
- 2. Applicant proposes to drill the following wells in the Unit to test the Bone Spring formation: (a) The North Wilson Deep Unit Well No. 17H, with a first take point in the NW/4NW/4 of Section 21 and a last take point in the SW/4SW/4 of Section 33; (b) The North Wilson Deep Unit Well No. 18H, with a first take point in the NW/4NW/4 of Section 21 and a last take point in the SW/4SW/4 of Section 33; and (c) The North Wilson Deep Unit Well No. 19H, with a first take point in the NE/4NW/4 of Section 21 and a last take point in the SE/4SW/4 of Section 33
- 3. Although Applicant has in good faith sought to obtain voluntary joinder of all other mineral interest owners in the Unit to participate in the drilling of the wells or to otherwise commit their interests to the wells, certain interest owners have failed or refused to commit their interests.

Therefore, Applicant seeks an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying the Unit, pursuant to NMSA 1978 Sec. 70-2-17.

4. The pooling of all uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying the Unit will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

**WHEREFORE**, Applicant requests this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Division, and, after notice and hearing, the Division issue its order:

- A. Pooling all uncommitted mineral interest owners in the Bone Spring formation underlying the Unit;
  - B. Designating Applicant as operator of the wells and the Unit;
- C. Considering the cost of drilling, completing, testing, and equipping the wells, and allocating the cost thereof among the wells' working interest owners;
- D. Approving actual operating charges and costs charged for supervision, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedure; and
- E. Setting a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling, completing, testing, and equipping the wells in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the wells.

Respectfully submitted,

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